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REMARKS

I. Preliminary Amendment

Applicants cancel claims 8-16, and add new claims 17-22. Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested.

II. Election of Species

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect the Group VI species (Figs. 19 and 20) for examination, on which newly added claims 17-22 are believed to be readable.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should be similarly allowable in the same application.

Applicants reserve the right to file Divisional Applications directed to the non-elected species.

Please charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 8-16 are canceled.

Claims 17-22 are added as new claims.

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